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## PARA SWIMMING

This Para sport includes four different swimming styles: freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke. The four styles are combined in the medley event, individual medley. Lower classes combine three styles, with the exception of the butterfly style.

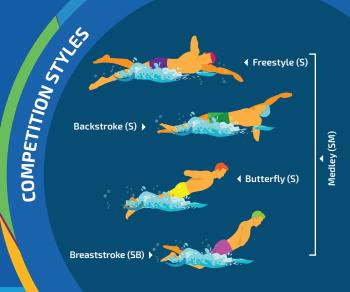
## **TYPES OF IMPAIRMENT**

Physical, visual and intellectual.

## **SPORT CLASSES**

THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO 14 DIFFERENT CLASSES ACCORDING TO THE LEVEL OF IMPAIRMENT OR THE NATURE OF THE IMPAIRMENT:

- A) Physical impairment: (1 10) Lower numbers indicate a more severe activity limitation than higher numbers.
- B) Vision impairment:
  - .11: Blind person.
  - ·12: They have a visual field under 5 degree radius
  - ·13: They have mild visual impairment, with a visual field under 20 degree radius.
- C) Intellectual impairment: (14) Athletes with pattern recognition, sequencing and problems, or having a slower reaction time.



The sport class is made of the competition style and the number

#LET

E.g. S6





Visually impaired S/SB 11 swimmers, use dark lenses to level their condition. Assistants allow them to know where the end of the lane is with tappers. For S/SB 12 and 13, this is optional.

Prostheses or support devices are not allowed during races.

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